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SUBJECT: BRAZIL WILL NOT VOTE FOR WEDGEWOOD FOR UNHCR

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Brazil will not vote for Ruth Wedgewood for re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. We spoke with Marcia Adorno, chief of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry's Human Rights Division on August 14. Adorno told us Brazil has recently traded votes on two other UN issues, the Committee on Racial Discrimination and the Human Rights Council, and has no more uncommitted votes. (In both cases Brazil was elected to positions it sought.) Adorno told us she had reviewed Wedgewood's resume and thought it was excellent, but Brazil will not able to vote for her.

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